

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 21-08) held
on Wednesday the 1 December 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance
Park Hall Social Room

Present:

Councillors: R Bill, N Bradley, H Edwards (Presiding) P Haley, L Lowe, E Lunn, M Owen, A Thomas and D White

Residents:

Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, County Cllr Robert Reid & District Cllr Barry Dobson

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| There being no members of the public there was no Open Forum, and the meeting was officially opened at 19.30 | |
| 129. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received | |
| 129.1 | Apologies had been received from Cllrs S Broadbent (Personal) and M Reece (personal) Resolved: that the apologies be accepted. |
| 130. Declaration of Interest – To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating to any Agenda item | |
| 130.1 | No one declared an interest in any item on the agenda. |
| 131. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 3 November 2021 (Min21-07) | |
| 131.1 | Resolved: That the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 3 November 2021 be signed by the Chair as a correct record. |
| 132. To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby | |
| 132.1 | County Cllr Robert Reid had sent a written report which is below <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Badger Repair, now finished, the verges still outstanding to be completed and barriers to be collected. <i>Cllr White was asked if the badgers had started digging again. He did not know the answer but would check this out. It was reported that the water pipe was being inspected and were digging in that area.</i> 2. Car Dyke low lying flooding, stagnant water flow situations Church Street to Katesbridge - this remains outstanding. The Environment Agency are still being pursued. 3. Update Thurlby Controlled Crossing - the TRO is now with Jean Gibson and a meeting between her and the Highways Manager is happening today, the policy apparently meets a pelican crossing level, on the basis that a contribution from the Parish Council is still forthcoming. The outcome I will advise you of. 4. A15 Cycleway extension- Northorpe to Thurlby is progressing- the consultation has finished and now is at advertisement stage. 5. Chapel Lane - we now have a name Matthew Moore from Anglian Water to whom we now need a response from, a reminder has been sent. 6. Pumping Station/Church Street- Welland Drainage Board - they are being chased. |

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| | | <p>7. Thurlby High Street - as you are all aware this is to be resurfaced next year, apparently, “how it works” is that any outstanding drainage issues will be addressed before the resurfacing commences.</p> <p>8. Northorpe Fen Road - riparian rights issue remains outstanding, enforcement again with the Welland Drainage Board being further pursued</p> <p>9. Following the proposed Highways visit on 29/12, my next scheduled update meeting will be on Monday 27th January 2022</p> <p>10. County Council information below:</p> <p>11. Bringing festive cheer to local children The government has asked councils to support the delivery of a fun free local Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme over the Christmas holidays, for families with school-aged children receiving benefits-related free school meals. The programme provides engaging and enriching activities, along with opportunities to learn about and enjoy new healthy foods and enjoy a meal. LCC is now working with schools, sports providers, leisure centres, early years settings and kids’ clubs to organise fun and exciting holiday clubs across the county. Each club is unique and offers lots of different enriching activities, depending upon the venue. Examples of the activities on offer include DJ skills, gaming, archery, fencing, boxercise, golf, music, drama, arts and crafts and much more. There are lots of places available, but they are limited and offered on a first-come first-served basis. See our website for more details, including a list of participating venues</p> <p>12. Fire and Rescue promote the use of what3words Local people are being encouraged to download an app which could be a vital tool in assisting emergency services to get to the right location as quickly as possible. Ahead of the winter, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue is reminding people of the what3words app which gives your exact location in remote, rural, or unknown settings. Spencer Creek, Area Manager for Response at Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, said: “The what3words” app is such a valuable tool for people in letting emergency services know a precise location of a road incident, especially in the more rural parts of the county. Getting to an incident even a few minutes sooner can make a difference.</p> <p>13. Our County Views Residents Panel Needs You! Individuals can join the County Views panel when they sign up to our Let’s Talk Lincolnshire engagement platform. County Views is a panel of diverse people of all ages and backgrounds from across Greater Lincolnshire who can help the area’s local authorities to identify priorities and shape future developments. It is important to us that people, groups and organisations can have their say about their local area and on current topics. Engaging with our communities in this way helps us to make better decisions to meet the needs and improve the lives of local people.</p> |
| | 132.2 | <p>District Cllr Barry Dobson had submitted a report which is below.</p> <p>1. Deepings Leisure Centre At the time of writing this report, I am preparing for a debate on the future of the leisure centre today (Tuesday). <i>He reported that the finance has been signed off circa £11m and work would start 2023 and finish 2024.</i></p> <p>2. Leisure and Health I’m keeping this topic in my report and looking for suggestions as to what we could do to keep people moving. <i>Cllr Dobson was asked what he thought could be done to keep people moving. He said that this was always a difficult question and wondered if something could be put in the Village Link. He was told that people were walking to Bourne from Thurlby and went down Wood Lane. At the far end of the lane, it was very muddy and this put people off from walking and he was asked if anything could be done to clear the mud. He said he would investigate this.</i></p> |

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| | | <p>3. Whitehouse Nurseries Site There has been no update on the height of the buildings yet.</p> <p>4. Ward Member Grant The £300 grant has been paid to TPC. <i>Thanks to Cllr Dobson were to be recorded for this generous grant.</i></p> <p>5. Bins These seem to be very popular with walkers, etc. and certainly in the Fens where we have seen less waste on footpaths.</p> <p>6. Almond Court No further update on this but I am chasing the defibrillator installation that was promised.</p> <p>7. Mallard Pass Solar Farm You may have read my comment in the Village Link. This site is huge and is definitely not what I would class as a local supply. It will blight the landscape and use lithium batteries to store and distribute power. I sit on the LEP Energy Council and although I promote local production of power, this is way beyond the scale that we need locally. <i>Cllr Dobson was asked if it was likely that we would receive a copy of any planning application which might be lodged. He said that this was unlikely as the final decision was taken away from the District Council.</i></p> <p>8. Behaviour Perhaps on a very unfortunate note to end the year. We have stepped up training for councillors, especially on respect for each other and to end bullying, but most of all in equality and diversity.</p> <p>9. Finally, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and see you again in February.</p> |
| 133. | | Clerk's Report and correspondence received |
| | 133.1 | <p>The Clerk's Report was circulated, after he explained that he had kept the report to only what was important. If any Councillor wished to see the e-mails from NALC and various playground equipment companies they should ask the clerk and he would forward them on. Further correspondence had been received as below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An email had been received from a Simon Hall of Castle Cleaners and Maintenance which stated <i>I am happy to tender a price for grass cutting in Thurlby. I have full public liability insurance, am village based and have worked for several parish councils over the decades. Please let me know if you have any more details about the amount of grass cutting required and frequency and I can work out a price for you.</i> It was agreed that before we set out what verges needed cutting and when we would like to know what his hourly charge would be. The Clerk would write back explaining this but pointing out that some verges that needed cutting were in front of the council offices, at the Obthorpe Lane junction and in High Street. 2. An email had also been received from Yvonne Scott stating that there was a resident who might be interested in cutting the grass and needed more information. Again the Clerk would try and ascertain what the hourly charges would be. 3. The Chair of the SLCC Lincolnshire Branch sent an email with the following the agenda for the AGM, the notes of the 2020 AGM and a Winter 2021 Newsletter. 4. LCR issue N0 4 2021 5. The updated minutes have now been placed in the Post Office up to November |

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| | <p>6. The Clerk had received a telephone call from a Lisa Day who had seen last month's minutes and noticed that the owner of Tiny Steps Petting Farm had been to see the Council. She was having a meeting with Highways next week about the road on the hope it will become clear if it is a private road and called Old Peterborough Road or Parkwood Road. Mrs Day was very concerned about what was happening and wanted matters resolving. The Clerk explained to her that this would be mentioned at the meeting tonight and it was understood that both the County and District Councillors were trying to see if they could get the problems resolved. Cllr Lunn explained that he might be able to give some clarification. The road was unadopted and not looked after by the Council. And he thought as such the road could become a private road. Mr & Mrs Day were paying a liability insurance as the council were not responsible and this was the reason why they placed a "private road" sign up. Cllr Reid was given a precise location of the road so that he could progress this matter with Highways.</p> <p>7. Thanks, should be recorded to Cllrs Bill and Thomas for putting up the Christmas tree and decorating it</p> <p>8. Cllr Thomas had been in touch with the Clerk to say that the telephone numbers of Councillors on the website was not showing and wanted this to be taken up with Ian Bratley. This the Clerk did, and it seems that the page will need to be amended to make sure the numbers were visible. The Clerk said that he did not know why this information was in the private section as Councillors did not need to communicate between themselves as they were already aware of their email address. This information was for the benefit of the residents, and it was agreed that Ian would be asked to remove that information from the private section and placed on a new page.</p> |
| 134. | Planning applications: To consider any Planning Applications received |
| 134.1 | S21/2296 - proposal: Proposed New Bungalow with Garage and Parking at Manor Farm, Wilsthorpe Road, Obthorpe, Response 13 th December 202. Resolved: no objections |
| 134.1.1 | After the agenda was posted another planning application was received; S21/2286 Proposal: New single storey dwelling with garaging for proposed dwelling and number 22 The Green at 22 The Green, Thurlby. Response by 17 December 2021. The Clerk explained that the Council could either call a special meeting to deal with this application or deal with it tonight and to give him delegated authority to respond. Resolved: that we proceed with the matter tonight and the Clerk to be given delegated authority to respond. It was further resolved that we had no objections to the application |
| 134.2 | To note Planning Applications approved: S21/1502 - Proposal: Change of use of existing rear barn to provide workshop, office, and parts store; including the replacement of roofing, replacement of existing sliding doors and flooring alterations, along with installation of pallet racking at Earl House Farm 59 Northorpe |
| 134.3 | To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn: none to note |
| 134.4 | To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal: there was none to note |
| 135. | To confirm Expenditure [£40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office)] [£447.13 – B M Champness (salary)] [£75.08 – Lorraine Cole (salary and expenses)] [£17.82 – Elaine Reynolds (Salary)] £60.00 – Thurlby PCC (Insert for Village Link) |

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| | £40.74 – BT (broadband charges November) DD [] denotes those payments paid between meetings, which have been approved by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Parish Council or at a previous meeting but not listed |
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| | 135.1 Resolved that the payments be approved. An invoice had also been received from Cllr Thomas for £50 for the Village Christmas Tree Resolved that this invoice be paid. The clerk asked how the payment to the Royal British Legion should be made. It was suggested that this be paid by BACS like last year. |
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| 136. | To discuss the draft budget for the Financial Year 2022-23 and to set the Precept for that financial year |
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| | 136.1 The Clerk had prepared a draft of the budget showing what we had spent in the financial year 2020-21. This also showed what the budget was for this financial year 2021-22, what we had spent to the end of September 2021 and what we anticipated to spend by the end of this financial year. The final column showed what we would spend on the various items in the financial year 2022-23 and how much we expected to receive. This draft marked “first attempt” had been sent to all Councillors in advance. Another copy was saved marked “final attempt” and this was the document that was discussed at the meeting and amended where necessary. Every item was discussed, and an explanation given by the Clerk why he had calculated the final sum. The Councillors were asked if they approved each item and where appropriate the figures were amended either upwards or down, and this enabled the Clerk to calculate what we were likely to spend in that financial year and what the proposed Precept should be. The calculations showed that we expected to spend £23050 and receive an income of £1960 calculating that the intended precept would be £21090. The Clerk explained that to keep the precept request down we could reduce that sum by using some of our reserves. After debating this matter, it was resolved that the Precept for 2022-23 would be £19616.00 an increase of 2% on last years Precept. |
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| 137. | To discuss the response from the local PCSO regarding parking and speeding in the village |
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| | 137.1 The Clark had written to PCSO Jason Possnett about the problem of parking in Crown Lane and speeding generally around the village. He had replied and stated the flowing: Regarding the problem of parking in Crown Lane <i>This is not something we can commit to now due to staffing levels and being prioritised to serious ASB. However, if there are possible offences being committed, please call 101 and an officer will be allocated if available.</i> <i>The most common for outside schools are unnecessary obstruction.</i> <i>There are other things that can be done such as the Parish asking the school to contact all parents of students at the school to remind them of their parking. Most school will do this or post on their social media.</i> <i>You can report issues of parking to the council via this link below:</i> <i>Report nuisance parking – Lincolnshire County Council</i> Regarding speeding: <i>The speeding issue is something we have addressed and will continue to. As you are aware we have done many speed checks on the A15 and Swallow Hill and posted on our social media. We will look to re-attend at times you have suggested but again, we have a large are to cover and many people asking to have checks done.</i> <i>I have had a meeting today with the trainer of the Community Speed Watch. He would very much be interested in supporting you if you feel the village would want to be involved??</i> <i>Please use the link below or if you have any question, please ask and I'll do my best to answer them. Speed cameras – Community Speed Watch - Lincolnshire County Council</i> |

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| | | It was noted what he had suggested, and it was agreed that there was little further that could be done. |
| 138. | To discuss the offer of free trees from eforests.co.uk | |
| | 138.1 | An email had been received from eforests.co.uk which had been circulated to all Councillors. It appeared that the minimum number of trees we could have was 150. As a result of this it was resolved that we would not take up this offer. |
| 139. | To receive an update on the completion of the Lincolnshire Local Transport survey | |
| | 139.1 | After the November meeting the Clerk had attempted to complete the survey himself on behalf of the Councillors but felt that he needed assistance. Cllr Thomas completed the survey as an individual and felt that rather than the Clerk to do so on behalf of the Council each Councillor would be asked if they could complete the survey, which they did. |
| 140. | To receive an update on the A15 crossing at Thurlby | |
| | 140.1 | There was no further information other than that was given in the report by Councillor Robert Reid in Item 132.1 |
| 141. | To consider the data received from the reactive sign | |
| | 141.2 | <p>Cllr Bill was able to report the following data received</p> <p>During November, the unit was positioned on Northorpe Lane recording traffic in an northbound direction.</p> <p>The daily vehicle count, both 5 and 7 days, are down 19% and 21% respectively on the previous 2020 figures and more inline although slightly higher than the 2019 result. The peak AM and time remain similar with the PM peak count down and the time slightly changed to 16.00/17.00.</p> <p>Again, compared with 2020 data the average speed is slightly higher (2.2mph) at 23.6mph with the average speed above the limit very similar but those travelling above the speed limit have decreased by 25% & 23% for the 5 & 7 day figures with the average speed above the limit remaining similar. The maximum speed of 54.0mph was a 4mph increase on the previous year</p> <p>There were no questions</p> <p>Cllr Bill was thanked for undertaking this monthly task</p> |
| 142. | To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees | |
| | 142.1 | Cllr Thomas said that the hedge had been cut back but other than that all was in order and there was nothing to report. |
| 143. | For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council | |
| | 143.1 | There were no reports of any meetings attended |
| 144. | To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link | |
| | 144.1 | Cllr White would prepare a draft report of what was to be included in the Village Link, but he would send it out first to all Councillors to approve. |

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| 145. | Members Questions - <i>reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.</i> |
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| 145.1 | There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.05 |
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| 146. | The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 2 February 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby. |
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